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University Union melee leaves two injured

By LEON WYATT
HORNET NEWS EDITOR

At around 1 p.m. Monday, eight to ten males attacked two other males in the CSUS University Union game room, beating them with their fists and with pool sticks, campus police reports state.

The two victims suffered bruises on their face, neck and back. One of the two suffered a two to three inch laceration on his head.

The suspects, who are being sought on assault with deadly weapon charges, left campus before the campus police arrived. It is unknown whether they were CSUS students or not. Both victims are CSUS students.

Ambulance and fire units plus three campus police officers responded to the call.

If anyone witnessed the incident or has any information concerning the incident, please contact campus Police at 278-6581 and ask for Officer Mark Salvo or Officer Bill McCoin.

All calls will remain anonymous.

Less than half of CSUS general funds go towards education

By LEON WYATT
HORNET NEWS EDOTOR

According to a fact sheet being distributed by the California Faculty Association, less than half of the money in the CSUS General Fund is currently being spent on educational expenses.

Of the $142,068,777 budgeted in the General Fund for the 1996-97 school year only $64,529, 576, or 45.42 percent, will go to the schools and the library to pay for faculty and educational materials.

"Is this appropriate that only 45 percent of the budget should be spent on education,"asks Manny Gayle, professor of gerontology. Gale prepared the fact sheet.

Also according to Gale's figures, during the last five years (92-97) support for instructional programs has only increased a total of $2,198,991 or 3.53 percent.

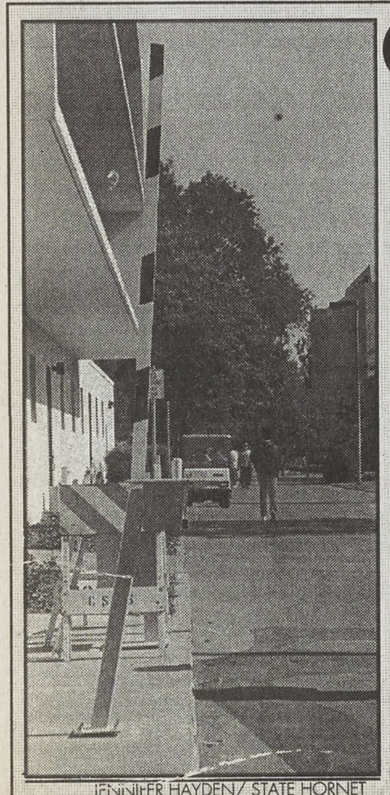
"3.53 percent doesn't even reflect the rate of inflation over the last five years," Gayle said.

Allison McGill, CSUS associate vice president of finance said the other 54 percent is spent on a variety of necessary items. Examples she gave included Student Affairs which provides aid to students, Facilities Management, which keeps the physical operation intact and working, and the telecommunications systems.

Gayle agreed that there are a great many expenses other than just education involved in running a university.

"But," Gayle added. "Is it justifiable for such a large percentage to be used on non-educational expenses, and does it accurately reflect the mission and goals of the university?"

Gated Campus?





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The university recently installed a gate at the driveway next to Lassen Hall. Howard Harris, assistant vice president of facilities management, said "There are too many vehicles driving on the campus core." Only service vehicles and vans for disabled students will have access cards for the gates. The photo on the right was taken on Friday.

Administrator answers some questions regarding Gerth and international organization

By RAY BLACK
HORNET STAFF WRITER

When CSUS President Donald Gerth was inaugurated as president of the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP), he became head of the largest association of its kind.

According to "History of the IAUP," a book written by the preceding IAUP administration, the 32-year-old association has over 800 members from all over the globe. Robert Jones, CSUS vice president of University Affairs and treasurer of the IAUP, commented on the benefits of IAUP membership and critics of the administration.

The IAUP has become a point of contention for the Coalition for CSUS (C-CSUS), a group of faculty currently calling for Gerth to resign. Six questions from a list of 15 distributed during an Academic Senate meeting last month concerned Gerth's involvement in CSUS staff time and resources devoted to the IAUP. The inauguration ceremony held for Gerth last July in Grace Cathedral in San Francisco is cited by C-CSUS as one of the excesses of the current administration.

Jones said Gerth is preparing responses to the list of 15 questions circulated by C-CSUS. Jones prepared the answers concerning the IAUP and forwarded them on to Gerth.

"There is confusion as to where to send the answers," Jones begins answering administration critics. Citing Gerth's long tenure, Jones implied that the attempts to change the current administration are part of the job.

"Gerth has done a lot for this institution that won't be appreciated until after he's gone," Jones said.

IAUP, according to a membership booklet and other IAUP published materials provided by Jones, is a voluntary membership association of heads of educational institutions. The organization seeks to network these leaders and their institutions. The association places emphasis on serving educational leaders, providing contacts, relations and activities which respond to the needs of its members. The IAUP's motto is "Welfare and Security for Humankind Through Education." The association's officers and various committees meet annually. The association gathers the whole membership together for its major conference every three years.

"In retrospect, we may have made an error in judgment in not explaining what the IAUP is all about," Jones said. He attributed some of the present C-CSUS activity to a misunderstanding of the IAUP and Gerth's role in the association.

"The funding for the organization comes from membership dues and investments," Jones said. Membership in the organization can be for the individual or institution. Annual dues are $300 for individuals and $450 for institutions. The San Francisco Conference budget was "in the $200,000 range," Jones stated as treasurer of the association.

"We made money on the last conference," Jones said. Tandem Computers, according to Jones, provided $100,000 as major underwriters. Conference exhibitors such as the U.S. Distance Learning Association, Anheuser-Busch and the Chronicle of Higher Education, also helped the IAUP's books balance. Jones reported the rental of Grace Cathedral was $150 and the total for the inauguration was $1,800. Grace Cathedral refused comment on these figures or anything about the inauguration. Jones declined to release the specifics of the IAUP budget.

From IAUP materials provided by Jones, the current president [Gerth] is chosen three years before his term begins. Every three years the IAUP has a Triennial Conference of all members.

Jones said Gerth picked Grace Cathedral in keeping with the IAUP tradition of installing its president. Past inaugurations have involved the Presidents of Spain and Thailand, processions through city streets and more elaborate events than Gerth's ceremony.

"It was like a graduation ceremony," Jones said, recalling the formal American style commencements.

Gerth was chosen as President-elect at the last conference, held in Kobe, Japan in 1993. The next conference will be held in Brussels to inaugurate the current President-elect, Sven Caspersen, Rector of the Aalborg University in Denmark. Jones explained that Gerth's effective presidency started last year, with preparation for the San Francisco conference and ends when Caspersen begins the planning for his inauguration.

According to Jones, "[Gerth] and the [CSUS] staff's involvement with the IAUP is no different than if he were serving as Chairman of the United Way." Jones said the officers do administrative work for IAUP. The association has a small amount of office space for filing and correspondence

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Federal court rules against six UC Davis students

Subsidizing abortions doesn't violate students' freedom of religion, court says

By SEAN BERRY
CAPITAL CAMPUS NEWS

The religious freedom of six college students is not being violated by the school's optional health insurance going toward subsidizing abortions, a federal appellate court held last week.

The six University of California at Davis students had appealed a lower court's grant of summary judgment in favor of the school.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the Sept. 3 ruling, holding that the health program's policy of subsidizing off-campus abortions does not impose a "substantial burden" on the students' free exercise of religion.

The burden must be "substantial" if it results from a policy of "general applicability," the unanimous three-judge ruling explained.

Even if the criterion had been met, the court continued, the insurance program meets the exception to that rule -which is "the least restrictive means of furthering a compelling government interest."

The court added that the subsidy is "not a substantial sum of money" and even though it is taken from all registration fees it is distributed to only those students who elect to purchase the insurance.

"If the students at the university could refuse to pay a portion of their registration fee on religious grounds, the university's fee system would be seriously undermined. There are few, if any, university-funded activities to which one student or another would not object," wrote Judge Warren J. Ferguson.

The original lawsuit alleged five other causes of action besides the abortion issue, all of which were dismissed in federal district court in Sacramento. The abortion controversy was the only one the students decided to appeal.

UCD student Gregory Nunes said he joined the suit primarily for the other issues, and that he personally does not strongly oppose the subsidized abortions.

"I really didn't think the abortion part was going to succeed," heconceded. But he defended that part of the suit anyway.

"A lot of people have very strong opinions about abortion," he said. "It's morally outrageous to a lot of people."

Spent nuclear fuel won't pass through Sacramento this year

U.S. Senate couldn't muster votes to override President's veto

By LEON WYATT
HORNET NEWS EDITOR

The legislation that would have allowed the shipment of highly radioactive spent nuclear fuel rods across 43 states to an "interim" storage facility in Nevada has been defeated.

One of the routes under the proposed legislation would have passed through Sacramento.

The bills passed the Senate, but failed to garner enough votes to override President Clinton's promise of a presidential veto. The bills would have exempted the project from federal and state environmental laws and regulations, and would have mandated a radiation standard equivalent to a one in 286 lifetime fatal cancer rate.

Following pleas by Nevada congressional candidates and Clinton's reaffirmation of his promise to veto the bill, House Speaker Newt Gingrich did not bring up the contested bill. Grassroots citizens' groups across the country have worked for the past two years to prevent this legislation from passing.

"More than 50 million Americans live within a half mile of likely nuclear waste shipping routes," said Michael Mariotte, Nuclear Information and Resource service executive director. "A worst case scenario of a transport accident involves a head-on collision and a high-temperature fire—much the same scenario of a train accident near Washington, D.C. last winter. A damaged cask consumed by fire could release millions of curies of lethal radiation—the same type of material; including plutonium, strontium, cesium and so forth released at Chernobyl. That is why we called this bill, and this concept, the 'Mobile Chernobyl act.' "

The spent nuclear fuel rods the legislation applies to are fuel rods the United States loaned to foreign countries such as Japan, Malaysia, South Korea and the Philippines under the Atoms for Peace project in the 1950's. Under the contract the countries agreed not to use the nuclear fuel to develop weapons, and the United States agreed to take back the used fuel and dispose of it. Research was conducted for projects such as medical isotopes which are used in cancer and radiation treatments.

Survey concludes the fate of affirmative action depends on who goes to the polls

By DON WERVE
HORNET STAFF WRITER

A recent straw poll of Sacramento area voters indicates the fate of Proposition 209, the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI), will be decided by who shows up at the polls. If the majority of those voting are young and college educated, the CCRI will fail and affirmative action programs will remain in place. If, on the other hand, the majority of voters are working males over 30, and students with less than two years of college, Prop. 209 will pass and affirmative action will become a policy of the past.

The recent poll, conducted by a Sacramento area education research organization, is far from conclusive but provides a glimpse of how CSUS students shape up against other local schools and the community at large. Not surprising is the fact that 209 plays well in Republican circles (over 70 percent Yes) and fails among Democrats (over 65 percent No). As a group, CSUS students—from both day and night classes—tend to oppose the measure (54 percent No, 42 percent Yes, four percent Undecided) if they are under 30 and support it if they are over 30 (51percent Yes, 43 percent No, 6percent Undecided).

The survey, however, did reveal a difference between CSUS students and the community at large. Generally, Sacramento area voters seem to support the measure in all age groups with males ages 30-45 showing the strongest support (60 percent Yes, 33 percent No, 7 percent Undecided), and females in the same age group are only slightly less in favor at 54percent, 40 percent, and 6 percent respectively. CSUS Students, however, came down solidly on the other side with males 18-30 opposing the measure by 56percent and supporting it by 41 percent with 3 percent reporting undecided. CSUS females followed the same patterns with 61percent against Prop. 209, 37 percent in favor, and only two percent undecided.

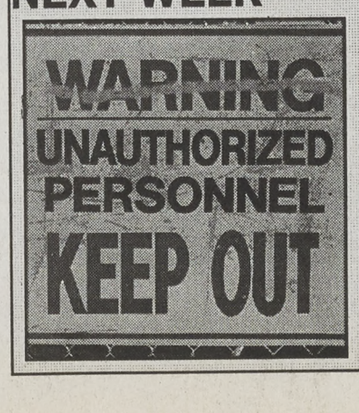
"That's really not too surprising," said one student who asked to remain anonymous. "We [at CSUS] have the reputation of being a slightly more liberal school and the community around us is generally more conservative."

Local community colleges, according to the survey, tended to more closely represent the opinions of the general population with Sierra College providing slightly less support of the measure (54 percent, 42 percent, 4 percent) than shown at American River (55 percent, 42 percent, five percent).

A representative of the firm which conducted the poll cautioned using the results of the poll as indicating any solid trends. "This survey is not something we would want to publish as being anything definitive. We used a very small sample, less than 100 people in all, and there was no attempt to

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It's Midnight Madness, Baby!!

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Police Log

By MATT PARENTI
HORNET STAFF WRITER

Monday, Oct. 7

10:59 a.m. - Medical Assist

Police responded to the report of a female who was lying on the ground. The victim stated that she had sustained a minor sprain and was waiting for a friend to pick her up.

1 p.m. - Traffic Accident

Police responded to an accident involving a vehicle and a bicycle on Sinclair at Moraga. The victim was taken to Sutter Hospital.

10:09 p.m. - Attempted Theft

Someone attempted to beak into a coke machine in the Science Bldg. Police determined that no property was taken.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

6:40 a.m. - Animal Control

Campus Police received a call that a white horse was seen in the area of Collegetown and Hornet. Sacramento Police also received several calls and eventually located the horse on Jackson.

11:42 a.m. - Suspicious Circumstance

A caller reported seeing a male juvenile possibly sniffing something out of his hand into his nose. The caller also reported that the subject had black smears on his face and was walking strangely. Police were unable to locate the subject.

12:44 p.m. - Auto Burglary

Two vehicles parked in Lot 8 had parking decals taken from them. The 2nd vehicle sustained damage.

1:33 p.m. - Fire Call

Police responded to a small fire near Lassen Hall that was caused by a discarded cigarette butt. The fire was extinguished by grounds staff.

5:50 p.m. - Suspicious Circumstance

Police responded to the report of a male subject attempting to take something out of a vehicle parked near Sutter Hall. Police contacted the subject and determined that no crime had been committed.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

7:01 p.m. - Theft Report

Police took a report of a wristwatch and a gold ring being taken from a dorm room in Desmond Hall. The loss was estimated at $300.00.

Child wakes up in garage after falling asleep on bus

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) _ A bus trip home from kindergarten was an experience Brianna Loughlin will not soon forget.

Brianna, 5, fell asleep during the Tuesday afternoon ride and woke up alone in the bus parked at a garage. She squeezed through a partially open bus door and then ran to a Metro bus driver who watched her until the school bus driver came to pick her up.

"My daughter told me she was locked in some garage and she saw some guy walking by and she chased after him," said Heidi Bickford. "She was scared at first. She came home crying but she's alright now."

The bus driver should have noticed Brianna. School departments, including Portland, have policies that require drivers to thoroughly check their buses for lost items — and sleeping children at the end of their routes.

The driver, Ann Marie Graham, has driven Portland school buses for nine years and has been on the route from Jack Elementary School for three years. She has not been suspended, Mallory said.

"You've got an extremely conscientious driver here and a very unusual situation," said school transportation division official Kevin Whittemore.

Bickford said she was so angry that she refused to acknowledge Graham's apology when Brianna was finally brought home about more than an hour late.

"When she dropped Brianna off to me, she said she was sorry and this had never happened to her before," Bickford said. "What if she had been locked in there overnight? She had no food on her, just a packet of crackers left on her from (her) snack. I can't imagine being locked in a garage."

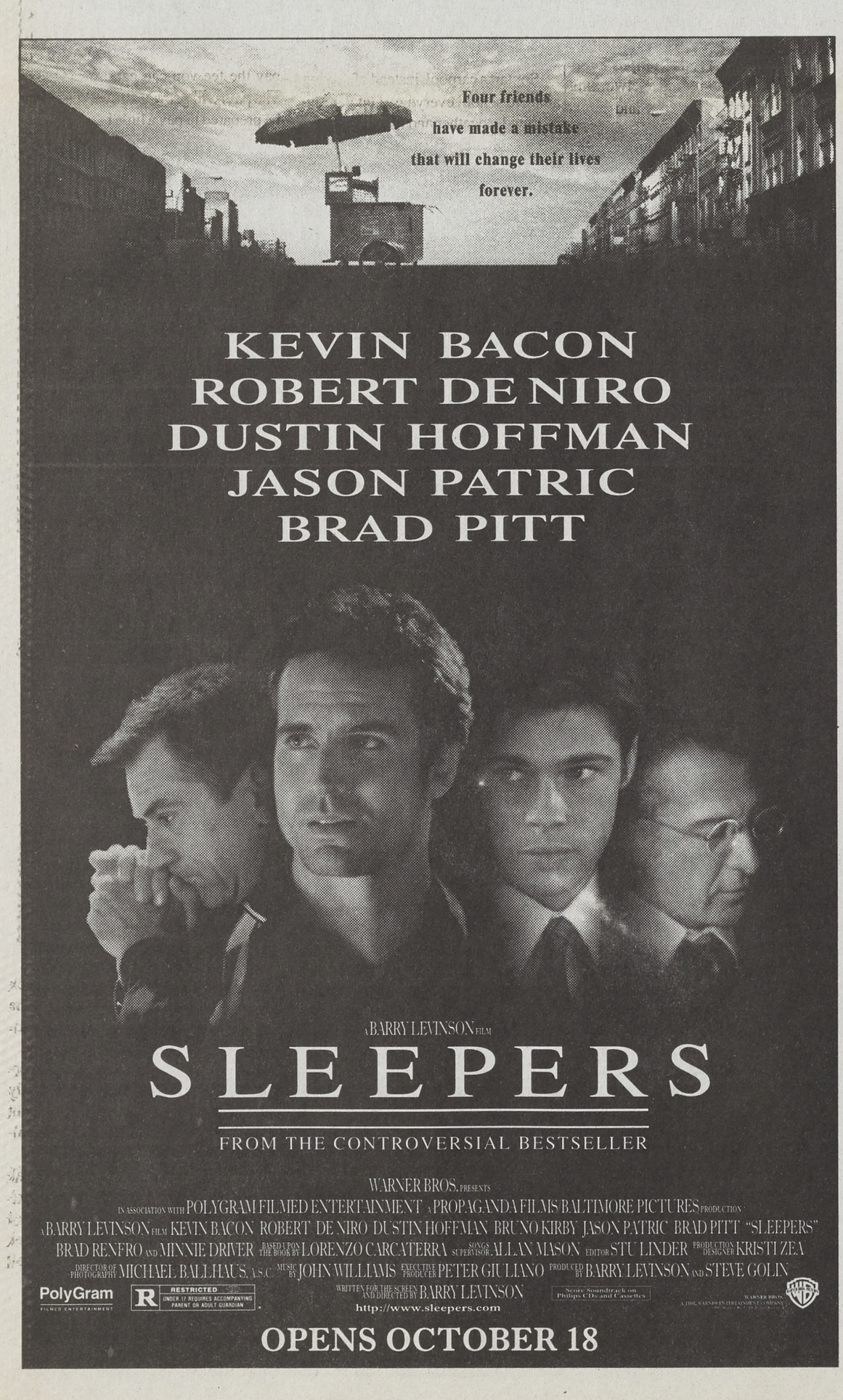
Bickford said she was waiting at the bus stop at 3:10 p.m. Tuesday, but the bus never arrived.

Bickford said she waited until 3:30 p.m., thinking the bus would return with Brianna. If no one is waiting at the stop, the bus is supposed to take the child back to school, officials said.

School officials began checking for the girl and informed the transportation division, Whittemore said.

Graham was contacted and told to return to her bus to look for the child, Whittemore said. When Graham arrived at the garage, Brianna was sitting with a Metro bus driver.

Graham then took the girl home on the school bus.



CAMPUS CALENDAR

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Hearing Evaluations. The on-campus Speech, Language and Hearing Center is currently making appointments for full hearing evaluations, central auditory processing evaluations and psychoacoustic evaluations for hearing aids. These services are free for students of the university with more than six credit units and are offered at reduced rates for faculty and staff of the university. Call 278-7729 or stop by the clinic, located across from Burger King.

19 — "Creative Juice" Visualize IV Career Day Conference. Sponsored by GRIDS. Redwood Room, University Union from 8-4 p.m. Vendor fair, speakers from Animaniacs, Earthworm Jim, Berkeley Systems and Pinky and the Brain. Door Prizes and Portfolio Review. $25 registration fee. Call Kristina Cave at 362-0674.

19 — CSUS Astronomical Observatory Viewing. Access via elevator to 4th floor level of Psych Building from 7-9 p.m. Viewing is canceled if cloudy. Call Professor Ibser at 487-0954.

21 — Business Student Council Meeting. El Dorado Room, University Union at 6:00 p.m. Call Lisa Fenner at 369-8035.

21 — Free Meditation Class. Hosted by the CSUS Meditation Club. Miwok Room, University Union at 5:45 p.m. Call 944-7817.

21 — "Pain. It's Not Going Away... or is It?" Free Pain Management Seminar. Sponsored by CSUS Division of Nursing, CNSA, Sigma Theta Tau and the Baxter Corp. Featuring Dr. Richeimer and other interesting speakers. Located in the Redwood Room, University Union. Call Carolyn VanCowenberghe at 278-6525.

22 — "Aborigines & Contemporary Australian Culture" Dr. Daniel Crowley, professor from University of California, Davis, speaks at the Anthropology Museum, Mendocino Hall, Room 1000. Call Carol Dustan at 278-5337.

22 — Safe Rides Manager Training. CSUS Safe Rides. Camellia Room, University Union at 7:00 p.m. Call Jennifer King at 278-7923.

23 — Pumpkin Carving. Hosted by the Society for Advancement of Management. Delta Suite, University Union at Noon. Call Sara Becker at 736-3674.

23 — Psi Chi Meeting with guest speaker from financial aid. Psych Building, Room 263 from Noon-12:50 p.m. Call Jean Finley at 648-1670.

23 — Safe Rides Volunteer Training. CSUS Safe Rides. Delta Suite, University Union at 7:00 p.m. Call Tammy Nale at 278-7923.

24 — Alpha Phi Sigma Meeting with Guest Speaker from the State Department of Justice. Delta Suite, University Union at 4:00 p.m. Call Renee Lashua at 369-8042.

24 — Chicano Grad Committee Meeting. Lassen Hall, Room 1100 at 7:00 p.m. Call Marin Rosalez at 485-0742 or contact through e-mail: saclink 63618.

24 — International Business Organization General Meeting, featuring Michele Hall from Sequin/Moreau. All majors welcomed. Board Chambers, University Union at 7:00 p.m. Call Trinh Pham at 363-9644.

25 — Halloween Bash! Hosted by the Business Student Council. Everyone welcome. Come in your best Halloween costume. Cost is $7.00, includes refreshments, DJ music and dancing. Located at the Pub at CSUS at 8:00 p.m. For tickets, call Nalesh Chandra at 369-8035.

28 — Business Student Council Meeting. El Dorado Room, University Union at 6:00 p.m. Call Lisa Fenner at 369-8035.

30 — Safe Rides Volunteer Training. CSUS Safe Rides. Walnut Room, University Union at 7:00 p.m. Call Tammy Nale at 278-7923.

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on campus. The IAUP's headquarters move every three years to the offices of the current president. No officers of IAUP receive a salary, Jones stated. Officers are reimbursed for the costs of travel to IAUP functions and miscellaneous expenses, such as postage, telephone bills, parking, etc.

The current IAUP Executive Committee consists of Gerth as President, Jones as Treasurer, outgoing IAUP President Kan-ichi Miyaji (President, The Society for the Promotion of the University of the Air, Japan) and President-Elect Caspersen. Of the forty-four committee members there are eight U.S. members: Presidents Glenn Goerke (University of Houston), Stephen J. Trachtenberg (George Washington University), L. Eudora Pettigrew (State University of New York, Old Westbury); James Roach (Western Connecticut State University), J. Fred Young (Elon College); John A. Brownell (Emertius, CSU Dominguez Hills) along with two heads of academic associations.

Spencer Freund, CSUS associate vice president of Administration and Telecommunications and Ann Reed, CSUS assistant vice president of Public Affairs are listed as IAUP staff. One other CSUS staff member, Helen Dyckman, helps Gerth with IAUP paper work. According to Jones, Dyckman is a part time university secretary who has been with CSUS since shortly after Gerth's arrival in 1985.

Of the roughly 270 U.S. IAUP members listed, eight are heads of academic associations and 15 are former college presidents. Currently serving along with Gerth are: Jerry Lee, President of National University; CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz; Lee Kerschner, Special Assistant to Chancellor Munitz; and Richard Atkinson, the president of the University of California system. The presidents of UC Davis and UC San Diego, and nine CSU campuses are listed. The only other CSUS member of IAUP is Amin Elmallah, CSUS Professor of Accounting.

"If somebody is looking for a smoking gun," Jones said, referring to the coalition's list, "there isn't even an armory around."

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make sure the people with whom we spoke represented a cross-section. What we have, really, is something that we were interested in talking to people about."

"One of the things we did learn, however, is that the CCRI is going to be decided more on emotion than on fact. Proponents say that affirmative action was a bad approach to start with and it hasn't gotten any better with time. Opponents counter with an opinion that affirmative action was necessary, and continues to be necessary, to assure all Californians have an equal opportunity to seek worthwhile employment."

The opinions are equally split between private sector employers and government personnel agencies. A majority of small and middle-sized employers feel that affirmative action mandates have no real impact on their employment practices.

"Our first concern is always how well a person can do the job," says the personnel director of a local school district. "I don't think anyone in this office can tell you, offhand, what our current affirmative action balance is."

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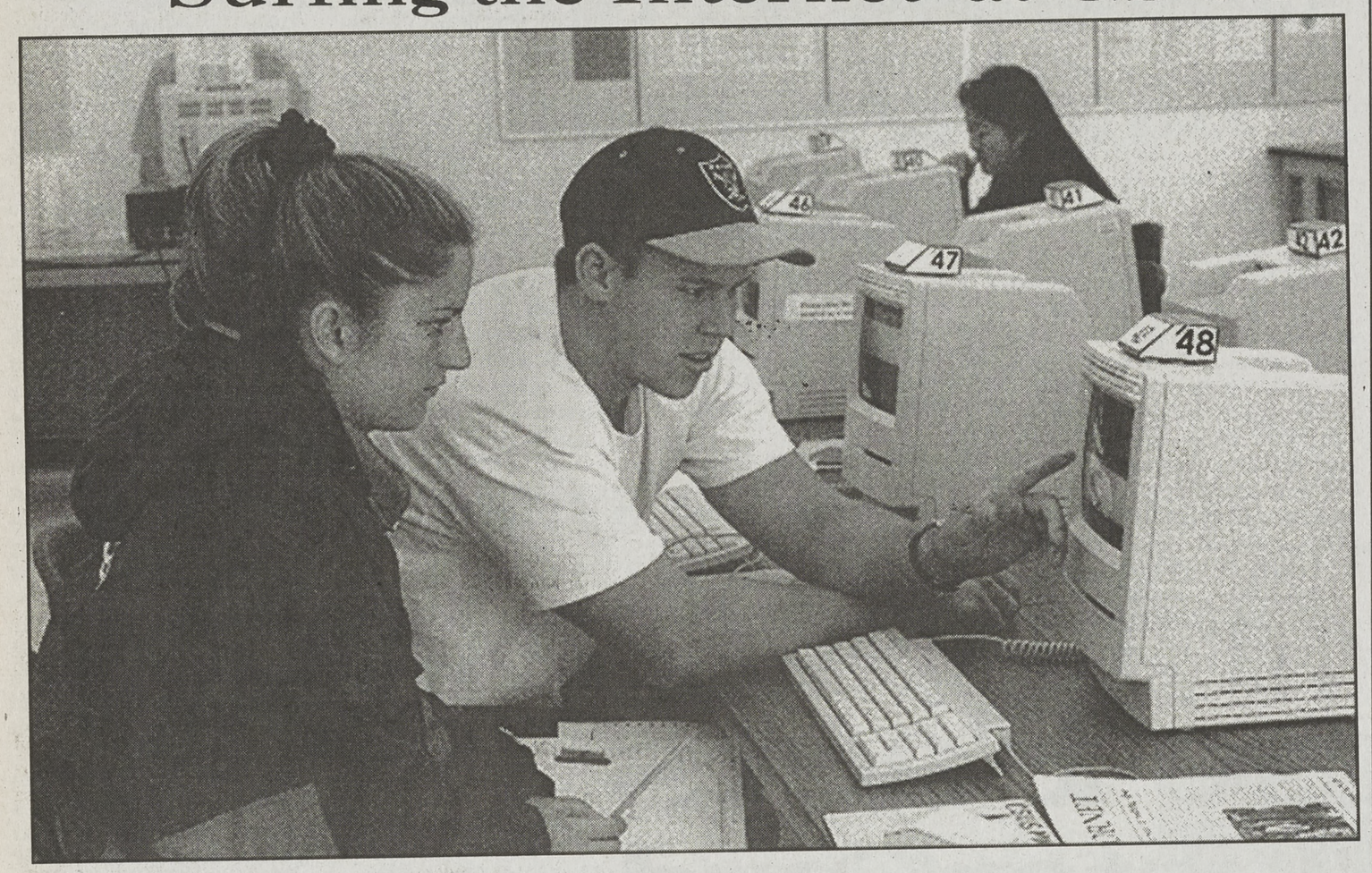
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CENTER STAGE

Catch the wave!

Surfing the Internet at CSUS



A student receives a helping hand at one of the computer labs in Mendicino Hall. Annabelle Pires/State Hornet

By PAMELA SAECHOW
HORNET STAFF WRITER

In case you didn't know, CSUS has a site on the World Wide Web. It allows students, staff and faculty to access on-campus news and information as well as the news from other universities and services around the world.

The CSUS Homepage (http://www.csus.edu) first made its appearence on the Web in early 1995 to provide another way to exchange information and to make information available to students, faculty, staff and to people off campus. Group User Services runs the Homepage through University Computing and Communication Services.

UCCS has taken a collection of CSUS site-licensed and "use without fee" software packages explicitly for the use of CSUS faculty, staff, and students to make the Web accessible from both the campus and from home via a modem. Since CSUS is an educational facility, there is no license fee for the site. Students, faculty and staff may all access the Web via Saclink for free, on or off campus. For commercial use, however, there is a license fee for Internet sites.

If you want to access the Homepage from home, you can obtain the Homepage software by either downloading the files from Saclink (saclink.csus.edu) or by copying the software from an on-campus lab. Use the lab appropriate for the computer you have at home. To do this one needs four high-density disks. UCCS has an installer program that allows students to access CSUS Internet services from home. In order to access the Web from home, one must have a Saclink account. If you do not have one, go to any of the computer labs on campus and ask for assistance in order to start an account.

The CSUS Homepage is available worldwide for those who have access to the Internet. Students who do not own a computer can still access the site at any of the on-campus computer labs run by University Student Computing Laboratory (where computers are free to use with a student ID) or the Faculty/Staff Resource center.

The following are a list of services and information currently available in the CSUS Homepage: academic schools, the library, the campus information, Computing and Networking Services, student services and information, and employment. The Public Affairs office also puts announcements of upcoming events on campus on the Homepage. There are links to the California State University system and the University of California system from the CSUS Homepage.

The Homepage is available 24 hours

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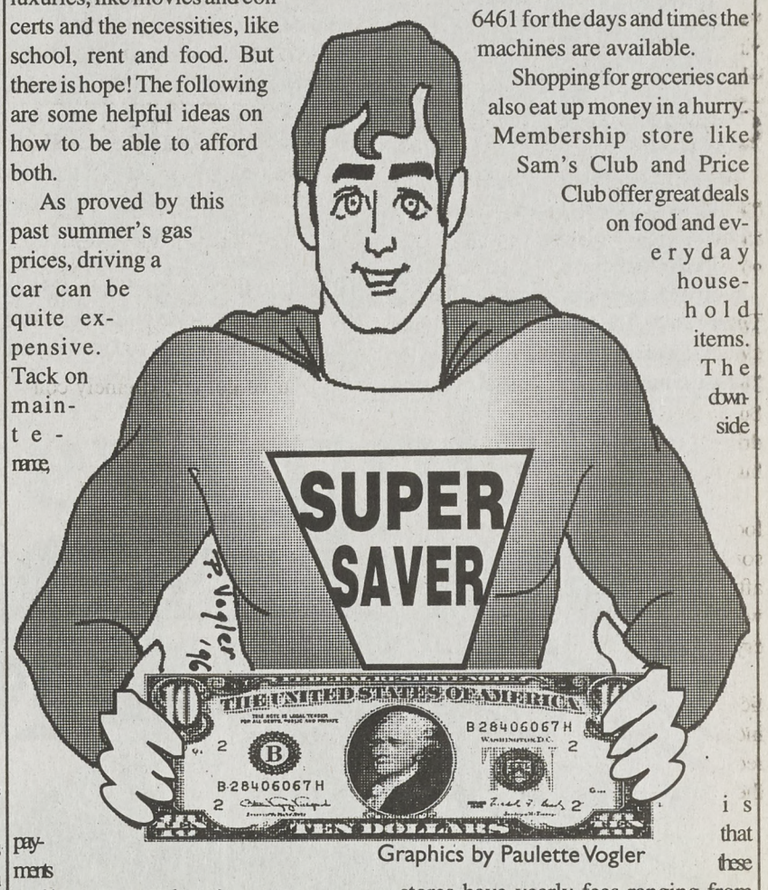
Going for broke:

A guide to living well on a student's budget

By PATRICE ROBINSON
HORNET STAFF WRITER

With the costs of attending college increasing every year, students have to learn the fine art of stretching their dollar. Self-sacrifice becomes the motto for the mass of modern students. They are forced to decide between luxuries, like movies and concerts and the necessities, like school, rent and food. But there is hope! The following are some helpful ideas on how to be able to afford both.

As proved by this past summer's gas prices, driving a car can be quite expensive. Tack on maintenance, payments and insurance and you've got one nasty bill.



Graphics by Paulette Vogler

So start a carpool, instead of driving alone to school everyday. Get a group of friends together and take turns driving. Or, if you live close to the campus, walk to school or ride a bike. You can also take advantage of your student ID card. Your fall semester sticker will provide you with unlimited free rides on RT buses and lightrail into the new year.

If frequent trips to the doctor's office are emptying your wallet, try using the Student Health Center. The Health Center provides registered students with access to basic treatment for common illnesses and injuries at no cost. Add an extra $20 to your registration fees and you can have the Augmented Health Plan. You'll be buying yourself free immunizations as well as physical and optometry exams.

If a membership to Gold's Gym and Living Well Lady doesn't fit into your budget, then workout on campus. Six days a week students can work towards a buff, well-toned body right here. Free weights are located in room 107 of the P.E. Building. Or if Nautilus machines are your thing, go to Solano Hall room 1020. Just call 278-6461 for the days and times the machines are available.

Shopping for groceries can also eat up money in a hurry. Membership store like Sam's Club and Price Club offer great deals on food and everyday household items. The downside is that these stores have yearly fees ranging from $25-$35 a year. If you don't want to pay the fee you can get a guest pass. The pass will get you into the store, but be prepared to pay a little bit more than the advertised price at the checkout counter.

For regular grocery stores, those coupon books that come in the mail every month or two are another great way to save money. And if you see an unbelievable deal on a product you use on a regular basis, stock up.

Having a good time in Sacramento doesn't mean you have to go broke in the process. If you're into the club scene (but don't want to pay the cover charge) go early. Many clubs offer free admission for those who go before a certain time.

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Building castles in the sand:

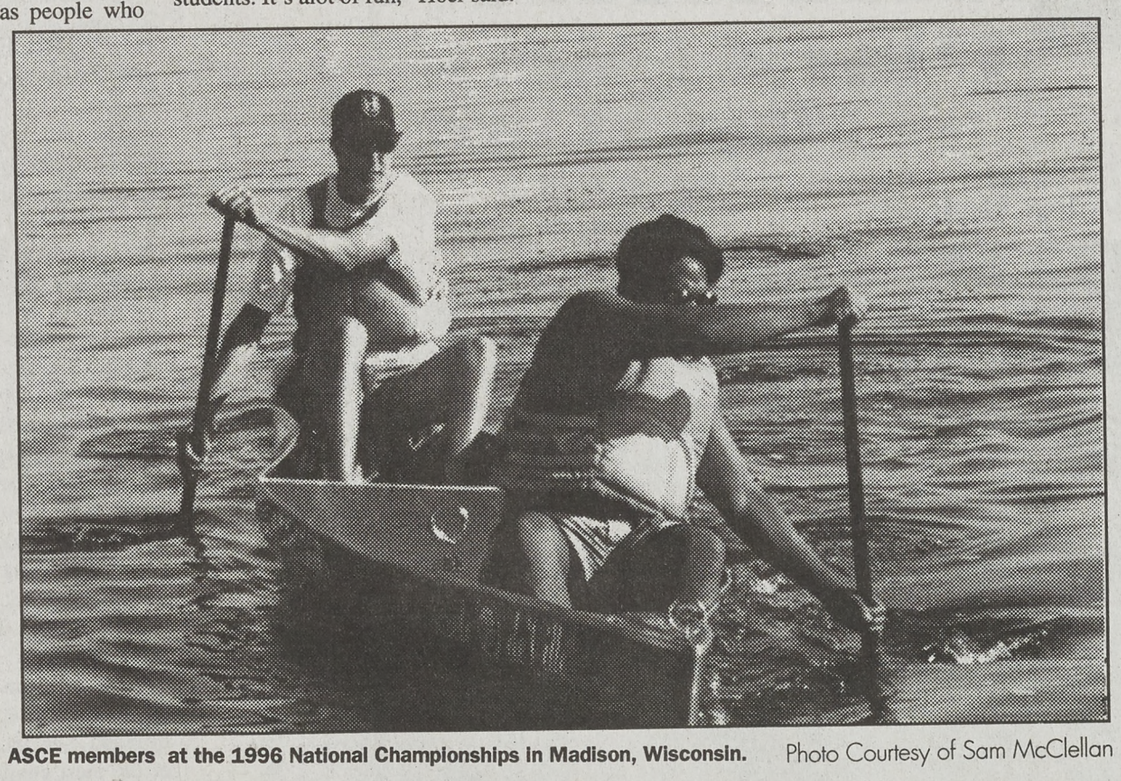
A new generation of engineers kicks off another semester

By JULIE REYNOSO
HORNET STAFF WRITER

If you think engineering students are anti-social, symetrically-minded geeks—guess again. If you think of the engineering students as people who drive trains—then really guess again.

These are just some of the stereotypes the American Society of Civil Engineers would like to see broken. But the ASCE is more concerned with other projects; building a steel bridge or concrete canoe, for example.

According to Pam Hoeur, president of the ASCE student chapter, "This is the first year we have done both (the steel bridge and concrete canoe), though we may have to eliminate the steel bridge if we can't get the man hours."



ASCE members at the 1996 National Championships in Madison, Wisconsin. Photo Courtesy of Sam McClellan

The 100 members of ASCE have a choice of what project they want to get involved in. "These are different projects that members can choose to get involved in. You take, basically, what you have learned in all your classes, and you put it into these projects," Hoeur said. Many students put quite a few hours into these projects because it is a way of meeting people in the industry.

"You get to meet many professionals and you get to know a lot of your fellow students. It's alot of fun," Hoer said.

Companies such as Teichert Construction, Parsons /Brinkerhoff and CH2M Hill are some prospective employers that a civil engineering student can meet. Some of these companies are past sponsors of the concrete canoe and steel bridge projects.

As is to be expected, making a concrete canoe is quite a challenge. The canoe is made up of lightweight mixtures of concrete which allow it to float. Last year they placed sixth in their region in a nationwide concrete canoe building competition. In the April of 1997 the races will be held at Lake Natomas, and a display for the canoe will be on campus.

The Structural Engineering Association of Central California, or SEAOCC, is a branch of ASCE, and will be working with the students on the steel bridge project.

Civil engineering encompasses many areas. Transportation is the design of roads, ramps and according to Hoeur, "the perimeters of transportation— one point to another." Civil engineers build dams and different facilities to hold and transport water. They also design and build waste water treatment plants, something which could also fall under environmental engineering. Structures is the designing and building of high-rises and infrastructure, which would fall under transportation.

Do not think, though, that the ASCE is all work and no play. Social activities such as pizza and beer night, and outings such as mountain biking and skiing trips, are just a few of the activities that the ASCE members have organized.

"People have this misconception of engineers that all we do is study and have no fun, which is entirely untrue. Were not just into books: we try to

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Risky Business:

Van Damme and Henstridge make sparks fly in *Maximum Risk*

By LIZ BAIDOO
HORNET STAFF WRITER



Maximum Risk is one of a plethora of action films to hit the big screen lately.

From the first scene viewers are thrust into violence and adventure that spans from Europe to New York, not skipping a beat.

Jean Claude Van Damme stars as a martial arts and body building champion who is a veteran of action films.

In this film, Van Damme once again plays the dual role of twins as he did in the 1993 film *Double Impact*.

Maximum Risk, directed by Ringo Lam, also explores an on-screen romance for Van Damme that hasn't been done since *Lionheart*.

Natasha Henstridge, who played the alien from *Species*, plays the love interest for both of Van Damme's characters. The chemistry between Van Damme and Henstridge was electric from the first moment they appeared in a scene together.

Van Damme plays Alain Moreau, a cop from Europe who learns he has a twin brother when he sees him lying dead on the street. In earnest, Van Damme travels to New York to seek out people who knew his brother so he could learn about him and to investigate why he was killed so violently.

Once in New York, Moreau impersonates his brother and is ruthlessly hunted. The more he finds out about his brother, the more he begins to realize what a dangerous life he lived.

Those moviegoers who have weak stomachs may want to wait until *Maximum Risk* arrives on video because of the graphic violence. Otherwise, check out *Maximum Risk*. It is money well spent.

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those unexpected equipment and power failures and scheduled maintenance shutdowns. There is talk for future plans to incorporate the Casper functions into the homepage so students will be able to add/drop classes, obtain their grades and more with the touch of a computer key.

In fact, students will be able to change their addresses through the homepage instead of standing in line at the Admissions and Records Office. There will be modifications made in the future to the make the CSUS homepage more current and technologically advanced so it can be of greater use to the students, faculty and staff.

The homepage can be found at: **<http:// www.csus.edu>.**

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If you are an opera buff or enjoy the ballet and theater, then head on down to the best kept secret in town. Sac Tix can get you into the area's performing arts events for half price. The only catch (and you knew there had to be one) is that these discounted tickets are only available the day of the event. Call 442-2500 for more details.

Fans of movies will be happy to know that there are bargains to be had everywhere. The ASI business office (third floor student union) is the place to go for first-run movie tickets. Instead of paying $7 for an evening show, ASI can get you in for the low price of $4.25.

If you're willing to wait a few months to see the latest Hollywood blockbuster, then checkout the bargain cinemas. These movies might take a while to reach these movie houses, but the wait is worth the price of a ticket. Who can complain about paying, in some cases, $1.75 to see a movie.

Keep in mind that following these tips won't make you a millionaire. But they are bound to save you money and allow you to have fun doing it.

Kissing action-hero stereotypes good-bye:

Geena Davis kicks butt in *Long Kiss Goodnight*

By PATRICE ROBINSON
HORNET STAFF WRITER



The action-adventure filled genre has long been considered a "boys only" club with macho men like Arnold Schwarzenegger, Bruce Willis, Sylvester Stallone and Jeane Claude Van Damme keeping it that way. Well, move over boys, and kiss the good old days good-bye. You're getting a new member and her name is Geena Davis. Her initiation is the new action thriller *The Long Kiss Goodnight*.

Davis plays Samantha Caine, the typical suburban housewife. She works. She's in the PTA. She bakes a mean lemon meringue pie.

But she's also suffering from an eight year bought of amnesia. Hidden deep in her memory is her life as Charly Baltimore, a spy with some major attitude. Charly was trained by the government to do it's dirty work. But when the Cold War ended eight years ago, so did her usefulness.

Enter Mitch Henessy (Samuel L. Jackson). He's a low-rent private eye hired by Caine to find out who she is. Henessy stumbles upon a set of clues that put himself and Caine into the middle of a complex conspiracy. Rogue intelligence agents and a ruthless arms dealer are plotting a heinous act that only Charly the spy can stop.

What kept the audience cheering for this dynamic duo throughout the movie was their quick and witty banter. They'll keep you amused and on your toes. Newcomer Craig Bierko is very effective as the nasty, yet charismatic villain Timothy. Remember his name. He is sure to become a star.

Writer Shane Black (who also wrote the first *Lethal Weapon*) puts a unique twist on the usual action film. His story has the leading woman supplying the muscle and the firepower instead of being the one solving the details of the case. In other words, Davis is in charge and Jackson is her faithful sidekick.

Director Renny Harlin (*Die Hard 2: Die Harder, Cliffhanger*) adds this winner to an already impressive list of action hits. Like other action films, *The Long Kiss Goodnight* has huge explosions, high speed chases, great fight scenes and death defying stunts. Davis can really kick some butt. *The Long Kiss Goodnight* is one of the best action movies of the year. This is a must see movie for the fall.



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Were not just into books: we try to make time for different things. We might just have less time than other people," Hoeur said.

With as much time as the typical engineering student puts into their studies, the average length of time they are in school is about five and a half years. "I don't know too many people who do it in four years," Hoeur said.

Hoeur said that ASCE owes a lot to the the staff and faculty in the Civil Engineering Department.

"The staff is what makes ASCE what it is today. They show up to all our functions, and they help with fundraising. Our department chair is great, and we have a great faculty advisor in Dr. Virdee. They're really a great bunch of people."

Engineering is a field that has been dominated by males, though in the last decade there has been a high influx of women entering the civil engineering field. The ratio of men to women is equal in ASCE.

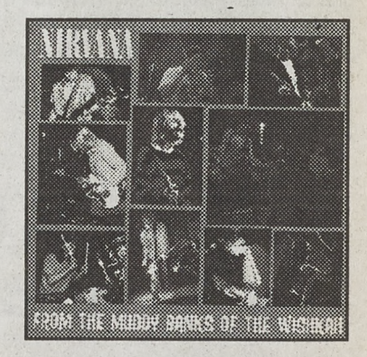
"I think that (we) were taught at a young age that girls aren't suppose to like math. So what if you like it? Then you think, 'what am I'm going to do with it?' I never really thought about it, I just kind of did it," said Hoeur.

The ASCE has an outreach branch where members go to elementary schools and talk about what engineering is, and what the ASCE does. The publicity branch of the ASCE makes fliers, announces meetings and whatever else is needed to get the word out.

The general meetings for all the members is once a month, and the officers also meet once a month, with offices such as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and activities project manager for the concrete canoe and the steel bridge.

"We have a great bunch of officers. They put in a lot of extra time and they're a great bunch of people. I couldn't do this alone," said Hoeur

Fees are $10 a semester or $15 a year.



From the Muddy Banks of Wishkah

By PATRICE ROBINSON
HORNET STAFF WRITER

The music died for Nirvana fans on April 8, 1994. It was on this day that Kurt Cobain, the band's lead singer, was found dead from a self-inflicted shotgun wound in his home. Two and a half years later, Krist Novoselic and Dave Grohl, the remaining band members, have released a new album that captures the very essence of Nirvana.

From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah, this wonderful 16-song compilation is filled with tracks from some of the band's live performances between 1989-1994.

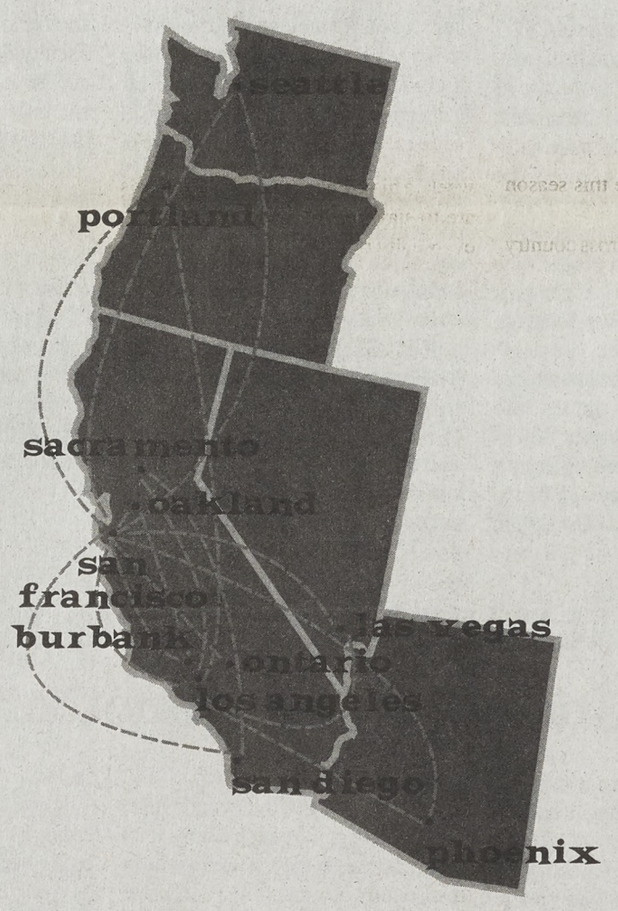
Diehard Nirvana fans will find the so called Generation-X anthem "Smells Like Teen Spirit." You'll also hear some of their lesser known songs like "Breed" and "Spank Thru." "Tourettes," from the band's *In Utero* album is a song that begs to be played over and over again. Surprisingly, one of the most enjoyable things on this album is the introduction. If you close your eyes, you almost feel like you're at an actual Nirvana show. Some fans never got to hear Niravna live and this album well reproduces that feeling.

Run, don't walk to your nearest record store and buy this ablum to experience Nirvana for one last time.

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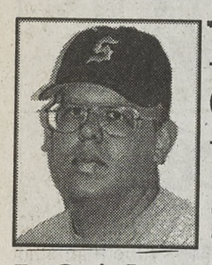
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In the Cat Bird's Seat

By Craig Lawson

The Yanks are Back!

If you are a regular reader of this column and/or you know me personally, then you are aware I am an avid Boston Red Sox fanatic.

What you may not know is that I love the game of baseball more than the Red Sox.

In light of that, I feel comfortable writing a column about the New York Yankees that places them in a positive light.

The last time the Bronx Bombers were in the Fall Classic was 1981. It was the fourth World Series in six years and came in a strike-shortened season.

Their opponent 15 years ago was the Los Angeles Dodgers. From 1947-56 the two franchises squared off in October six times, thus establishing the greatest rivalry between teams from opposite leagues in the history of baseball.

From 1957-1981, the Yankees and Dodgers added four more chapters to their book.

But it has been a long 15 years since they have not met outside of spring training in Florida.

This season provided the best opportunity for the drought to end. The Yankees dominated the American League East and the Dodgers had the National League West won until a collapse on the final weekend of the regular season.

Unfortunately for Dodger fans, a three game sweep at the hands of the Atlanta Braves in the National League Division Series ended their season.

However, for Yankee followers and fans of the game like myself, New York in the World Series is good for baseball.

The players' strike of 1994 ended that season prematurely. The subsequent owners' lockout delayed the start of the 1995 season.

Add to that fans being split on whether or not the wild-card is a good thing, no commissioner (how long has Bud Selig been the interim?) and the post-season television problems of the last two years.

Oh yeah, then there was the Roberto Alomar spitting incident and the ensuing possibility of the umpires going on strike.

Just think what baseball would have endured had Alomar and the Orioles defeated the Yankees in the American League Championship Series.

Instead, with the help of a 12-year old kid with hopes of a souvenir home run ball dancing in his head, New York has played its way into the World Series for the 34th time in franchise history.

The reasons why baseball benefits from the Yanks in the Series vary. For starters, New York is the biggest market and the game will reap the economic rewards in television revenue.

New York is to baseball what Notre Dame is to college football. You either love the Yankees or you love to hate them.

Then there are some who want to see the Atlanta Braves lose. New York may not get the chance to play Atlanta (Game 7 of the NLCS took place after press time).

So it is not the Dodgers and the Yankees. One out of two is not bad and finally baseball can see a little light at the end of the tunnel on its road to recovery.

The Cat Bird's seat appears every Friday in the State Hornet. E-mail Craig at sac23887@saclink.csus.edu.

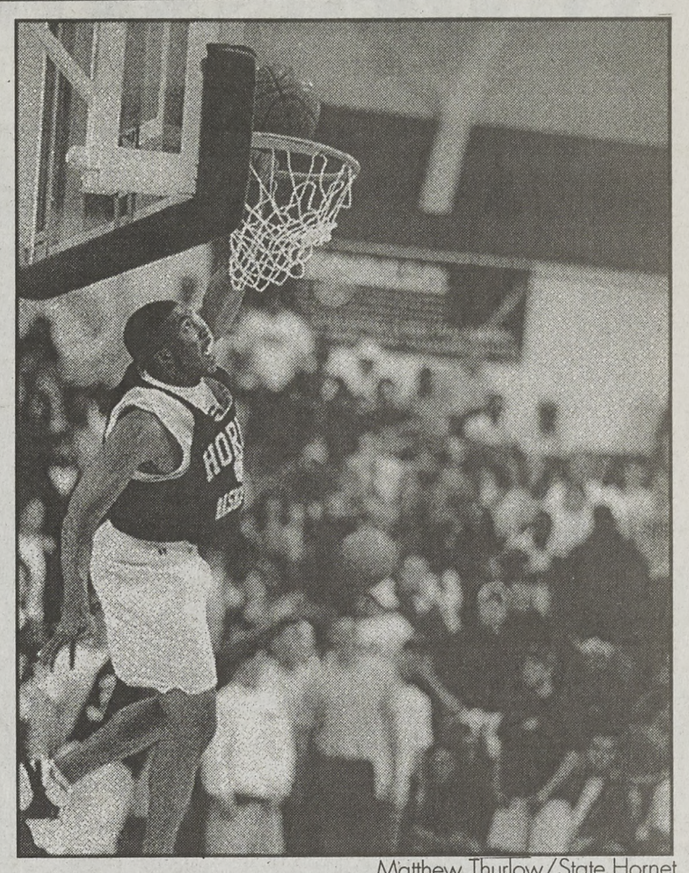
A Dunk in the Night: Midnight Madness comes to Sac State

By MARK AVILA
HORNET STAFF WRITER

About 1,200 spectators jammed Hornet Gym Monday night to celebrate the annual kickoff to the NCAA men's basketball season. Midnight Madness is a traditional sports festival that simultaneously, within each timezone, occurs on college campuses across the land. Sacramento State is no exception, as it expects a stellar year in its first campaign in the Big Sky Conference.

Those who showed up were treated to a dazzling display of slams, jams and jumpshots that were performed to the background of hip-hopping, crowd-rocking beats pumped out by a live DJ. They were also free shirts and souvenirs distributed throughout the event. As for coach Don Newman and his team, it was a great public relations gig and gave them a chance to strut their stuff.

Newman has been working his team into shape and is expected to have them ready for their first non-exhibition game on Nov. 22 at Northern Arizona. The following Tuesday they will open up at home against St. Mary's. And speaking of home, the Hornets will begin hosting visitors in their new home, the Memorial Auditorium, starting in January. The downtown arena holds twice as many as the campus gym and should be an added recruiting tool for the future. The Hornets are hoping to lure more fans within the community.



Matthew Thurlow/State Hornet

The Hornets displayed their expertise in a slam dunk competition.

Delgado "leads by example"

By ERIC ERNEST
HORNET STAFF WRITER

Hector Delgado spent his first semester at CSUS in the fall of 1994 looking on from the sidelines, unable to compete for the cross country team because the NCAA had ruled him ineligible.

Undeterred, Delgado still trained as if he were on the team. Two years later, Delgado is the anchor of Sac State's cross country team. He was named the Big Sky Conference Athlete of the Week for the second time this season two weeks ago.

"He's our No. 1 guy," cross country coach Joe Neff said. "He has tremendous work ethic, and his competitive maturity has grown. He's not afraid to go against the likes of UCLA, USC and Stanford. He leads by example."

Originally from Guadalajara, Mexico, this week marks Delgado's eighth year in the U.S. Last year, Delgado was invited back to Healdsburg High School, where he graduated in 1994, to give a speech on what college is all about, including the advantages and disadvantages of collegiate athletics. To be invited to speak to the student body he was once a part of was a high point in his life.

"When I was a junior in high school my back began to hurt because of where I put the impact on my feet. I met Dr. Christina Dumbasy back in my home town of Santa Rosa who, as well as treating me for free, has become a mentor to me," said Delgado. "When I go to high school track meets, I still see a lot of athletes get injured, especially minorities, who may not have been able to access sport treatments."

Because cross-country running takes more endurance than the more speed-oriented track and field, it is in a class by itself. Delgado says he feels tired only if he exceeds the 100 miles per week in his training regimen. His goals are to stay healthy and keep running, eventually becoming a physical therapist.

"When I run it helps me work out solutions to my problems in my regular life," said Delgado, "and yes, I do have one!"

Although he may have been named the Athlete of the Week twice by the Big Sky, there is a lot of competition in the conference. Northern Arizona currently sits atop the conference and is ranked second in the nation. Neff said that the coach at Weber State believes that NAU runners would take the top five spots in the conference. When Neff told this to Delgado, he responded, "I don't think so."

Academically, Delgado is a physical therapy major maintaining a 3.0 GPA.



Hector Delgado strives for excellence in cross country competitions as he does in life.

Volleyball beats "slump" to overcome Cal

By HANK VERESCHZAGIN
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Sacramento State's women's volleyball team overcame errors to beat the University of California, Berkeley 15-5, 12-15, 15-8 and 15-9 for the Hornets first ever victory over the Bears.

Going into the match Tuesday night, Sac State was 0-8 dating back to the 1976 season. Without playing very well, the Hornets increased their win streak to four matches, the longest winning streak of the season.

"I think we found out how good we are with the Montana trip," said head coach Debby Colberg. "We had been slumping a bit, but now I think we're coming together."

In the first game, Sac State committed four service errors in their first 12 serves, but were only down 4-3. With the score tied at 4-4 and junior Shannon Paylor on the service line, the Hornets blew the game open with six points. Senior outside hitter Jill Haas brought down three kills in the Hornets rally.

"I didn't start well," said Haas, who committed three killing errors early in the game. "I've been fighting off a cold."

While she said she felt some fatigue, Haas still managed match highs in kills and digs, 23 and 21 respectively.

After Paylor's long service run, the Hornets struck for another four points with freshman setter Maureen Rafferty on the line effectively putting the Bears out of contention. Rafferty finished with 47 assists.

In the second game, Cal's Kellie Alva served three aces in a five point run by the Bears to take a 6-3 lead. After the Hornets tied the score at six all with a stuff by senior Lyn-Dee Engle and sophomore Carissa Buie, Berkeley ran off another four points by taking advantage of three Hornet errors in the run.

The Hornets responded to Cal's attack in taking the lead 12-11, but were stymied as the Bears closed out the second game.

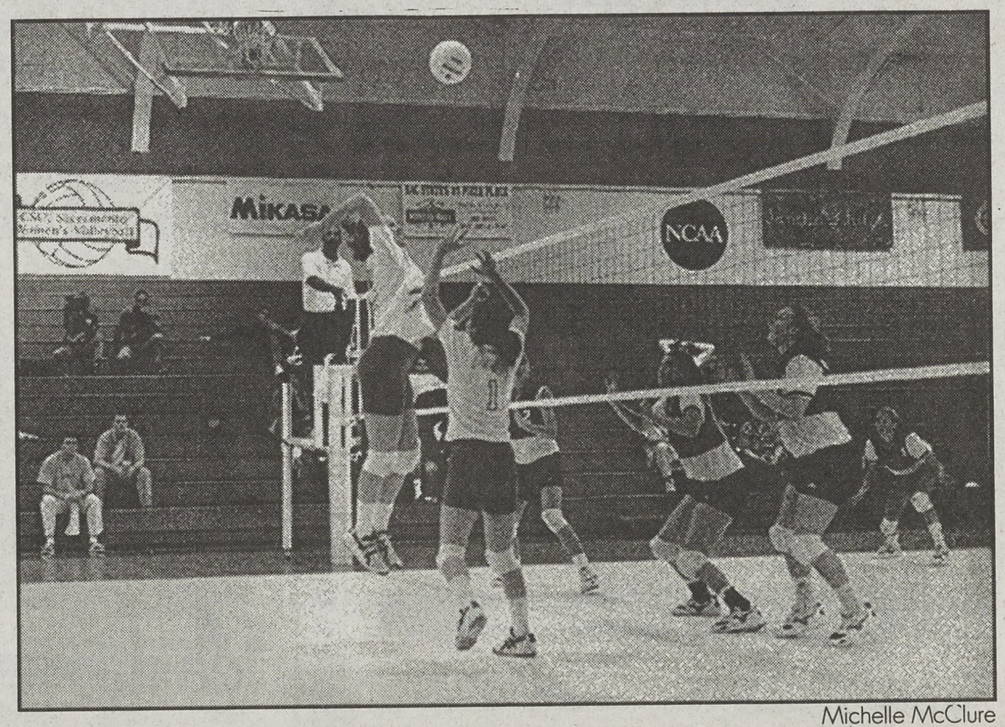
After the intermission, the Hornets came out like a house afire. With Rafferty serving first to open the third game, Sac State pounded out five points. The Bears were left reeling and never getting closer than four points before the Hornets closed out the game.

For the fourth game, Cal seemed as winded as Haas. CSUS cruised as the Bears could only muster a .067 attacking percentage. With a 10-8 lead and Rafferty on the service line, the Hornets scored four points on three killing errors by Cal.

The Hornets with the victory became the first Big Sky squad to down a Pac-10 team this season. The conference was 0-13 prior to Sac State's handling of the Cal.

"This helps us in district ranking (proving they can beat teams from strong conferences)," Colberg said. "The Big Sky is still the most important games for us."

The Hornets travel to Ogden, Utah for a match Saturday night for a Big Sky match against Weber State. Thursday night's match against Big Sky foe Montana State was not completed prior to printing. The wrap-up will be in the October 22 issue.



Michelle McClure

The Hornets dominated the Cal Bears in four matches.

Sports

Women's soccer mired in losing streak

The Hornets suffer tough losses to Pepperdine and Northridge on the road, and Davis at home



Shad Selby/State Hornet

Despite valiant struggle, CSUS still fell to UC Davis, 2-1.

By DAREN WOOLSEY
HORNET STAFF WRITER

The Sacramento State women's soccer team(5-8-2) has fallen upon a three game losing streak recently, falling to CSU Northridge and Pepperdine on the road, and UC Davis at home.

After beating CSU Northridge at home earlier this year, 1-0, the Hornets looked to have a tough game playing on the foreign pitch. This time the score was the same, but with CSUS on the short end. It took a while for the Hornet's to get going, as they only had one opportunity in the first half.

The game opened up in the second half with Northridge pushing forward, creating many opportunities, but not able to capitalize until the 72nd minute.

Sacramento State couldn't find the range to put the ball in for the equalizer and the game ended with the lone goal against them.

Against Pepperdine it was much the same luck for the team, as the Waves shut out the Hornets 4-0 in Malibu. Unable to generate any offense, nothing seemed to work for Sac State as it suffered one of the worst losses of the season.

Against Davis(11-2-1) it appeared that CSUS was going to end its streak at only two losses, as Paula Guarda scored in the first half to put CSUS up 1-0. Davis tied the score right before halftime, and a goal in the last twenty seconds of the game swept away Sacramento State's hopes.

All said, it is disappointing to play well and lose close games. The team is not giving up many goals but just needs to find its finishing touch. The team played solidly against Davis and, except for the 30 seconds at the end of each half, could have easily been victorious. It is tough to win on the road in any situation and Northridge is a decent team. The Hornets have played hard and the breaks haven't been falling their way this last week.

Sac State will be looking to get back into the win column on Sunday against CSU Hayward at 1 p.m. at Hornet Field.

Women's crew places first

Hornet Sports Staff

On Saturday, the Sac State women's crew team competed in the Head of the Port of Sacramento race.

First place of the women's Open 8 was taken by CSUS in 17 minutes, 41 seconds, outdistancing UC Davis by 88 seconds.

Sac State did not fare as well in the Open 4, where it came in 6th place, only 19 seconds behind Stanford.

Fall races are considered preseason exhibitions by head coach Bill Zack. The main purpose is for the rowers to gain experience in competition for the regular season competitions.

For the next two weeks, the team will prepare for the Head of the American race at Lake Natoma on Oct. 26.

Intramural football crowns champ

The Open league champion 'Stangs, after squeaking past IGB on the last play of their semifinal, outscored Greek Champion, Theta Chi 21-0, for all-campus bragging rights. Theta Chi had previously disposed of SAE 32-25 in their playoff. So much for Superbowl Thursday. The 'Stangs went undefeated throughout the regular season and playoffs.

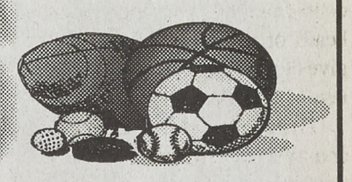


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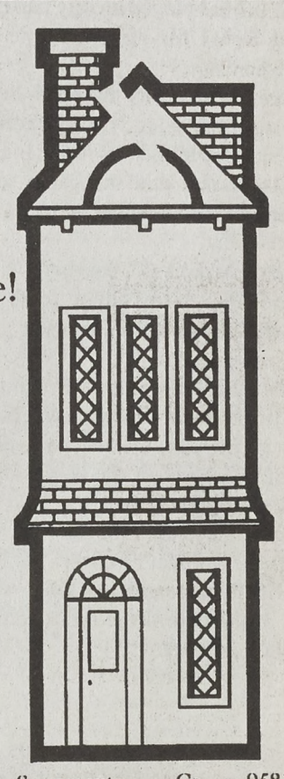
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OPINION

We owe Gerth our gratitude

By Ken Futernick

COMMENTARY

I was surprised to read in a recent story on the front page of the *Sacramento Bee* that our president, Dr. Donald Gerth, was being urged to retire. As a faculty member on campus and chair of the Teacher Education Department, I have been aware of an effort to oust Gerth, but like many of my colleagues, I haven't taken the matter very seriously because the criticisms that have been lodged against him have come from a very small group of faculty.

But now that the criticisms have been brought to the attention of the community at large, I feel compelled to offer my own perspectives on the matter. I should point out that although I am the chair of an academic department, I am not a member of the president's administrative staff and I have not always agreed with his decisions.

In my opinion, I think he's been extraordinarily effective as president of this university. I have little doubt that most of my colleagues would express similar confidence in his leadership and would join me in urging him to stay on as president. If I had space to do so here I would describe some of Gerth's significant contributions to the university and the community. Instead, I will respond to a few of the more serious charges that have been raised by my colleagues.

Recently, this faction presented to the Academic Senate a set of 15 questions which serve as the basis of their call for Gerth's resignation. A number of questions center around Gerth's appointment as president of the International Association of University Presidents and the amount of time and money that will be required to perform this duty. Other questions focus similarly on the use of funds for such things as office improvements, travel, retirement, housing allowances and administrative staff.

What's unfortunate is that those who have raised these questions of the President have called for him to step down *before* he has had an opportunity to answer them. It is ironic that people who are supposedly committed to open inquiry and the careful examination of evidence see fit to ignore such a process in this case. Granted, some of these questions deserve explanations if there is evidence of impropriety, but should we wait for Gerth's answers before we make judgements.

It is important to remember that last year an outside team of evaluators conducted an extensive administrative review of Gerth. The reviewers offered high praise for his performance, but the group calling for his resignation seeks to dismiss this evaluation by raising questions concerning his relationship with the chairperson of the review team. We must remember that his review was conducted by a team and not by one individual. Other members included a California State University trustee, a past president from the CSU system, and a professor from CSU, Hayward. Hundreds of faculty, students and community members were invited to share their opinions of Gerth's performance. Do these faculty critics really mean to suggest that all of the reviewers were duped by the leader of the team? Or that large numbers of negative comments received by the review team were simply ignored? Furthermore, if the criteria we use to select members of a review team would exclude those who have a professional relationship with the individual being reviewed, we would have to abandon the process of review we currently employ on this campus for faculty retention, tenure and promotion since it is a *peer* review system.

One final point. Professor Vernon Hornback's patronizing reference in the *Bee* article to the "old boy" would be laughable if weren't also so demeaning. Whether you like his leadership style or agree with the bold positions he has taken on numerous controversial issues, one thing nobody can accuse Gerth of is slowing down or having old-fashioned ideas. What many of us appreciate about Gerth is that he has far more respect for his colleagues than to refer to one of us as "old boy."

Faculty, students and members of this community owe the man a debt of gratitude. The very last thing we should be calling for is his retirement.

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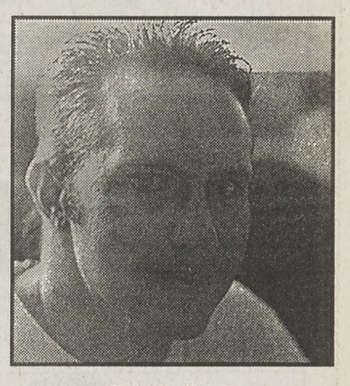
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What others are saying

The Modesto Bee on welfare reform

Lawmakers heard testimony in Modesto about how California should cope with the immense challenge of welfare reform now that the federal government is dumping welfare as we've known it.

The lawmakers heard county officials from all over the region and heads of private relief organizations give their views about what will happen when federal programs end.

There were dire warnings from county leaders who fear the state will not act soon enough to prevent chaos or who are afraid that whatever Sacramento does will either not be sufficient or will be too bureaucratic.

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Anxiety was expressed that in high unemployment areas such as the agricultural San Joaquin Valley, it will be difficult to find enough jobs for people who lose benefits. Some worried that many people who lose benefits will just not be suited for paying jobs.

They're worried especially about children, and about the aged and infirm — those who cannot support themselves.

No one spoke against welfare reform itself. In fact, many of the speakers affirmed the need to change a system that causes continued dependency. But clearly, valley people who spoke to the lawmakers are worried.

Assemblyman (Sal) Cannella had the last word, and it was appropriate. The state, he said, needs to make sure "welfare as we know it doesn't become pain and suffering as we've never known it."

San Diego Union Tribune on Propositions 214 and 216

The swift pace of change in the health care industry has left consumers anxious and confused. Fears about access to treatment and the quality of care are especially pronounced in San Diego, which has led the nation in the shift to managed care through HMOs.

That's why two measures on the November ballot to regulate California's health care providers may be appealing to some voters. But take a careful look at the initiatives, Propositions 214 and 216, and you'll find that they would drive up health care costs by hundreds of millions of dollars a year, if not much more, without improving either access or quality.

It's instructive to know that the dueling propositions were written by rival labor unions in the health field — the California Nurses Association and the Service Employees International Union. The measure's overriding purpose is to protect these two special interests from the fundamental restructuring that is sweeping the industry. Thus, it is hardly surprising that Proposition 214 would prohibit health care companies from firing workers without "just cause."

Both propositions would impose complex and overly intrusive regulatory schemes on health care in California. And both would impose a variety of fees that would spur the inflationary spiral in health costs.

The nonpartisan legislative analyst estimates that either measure would drive up costs for state and local governments, which are major providers of health care through Medi-Cal and other programs for the poor, by tens of millions to hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

Both initiatives are textbook examples of the worst aspects of California's initiative process.

Each contains some good provisions and each addresses some genuine concerns of consumers about he cost-cutting practices of HMOs, hospitals and other providers. But each measure also contains so many self-serving, ill-advised provisions that it deserves a resounding NO vote.

Richter's hearing is a witchhunt

EDITORIAL

The debate about affirmative action continues to escalate.

Assemblyman Bernie Richter, R-Chico, an outspoken proponent of the California Civil Rights Initiative (Proposition 209), convened a hearing Wednesday to look at how the California State University spends money on affirmative action programs.

What's odd is Richter makes everyone who appears before him take an oath. Richter says he doesn't trust those he's calling before him to be truthful. According to Tim Hubson, a government professor at CSUS, putting people under oath is something that is very uncommon. Normally, the oath is used in Senate confirmation hearings of gubernatorial appointees.

Richter's chutzpah doesn't end there. His hired gun, Attorney Robert Corry, had the gall to ask Dr. Blenda Wilson, president of CSU Northridge, if she was under the influence of any drugs that would affect her testimony. Asking such a question of such a highly-regarded professional shows the lack of respect that Richter and company had for Wilson and others who testified.

Is Richter really looking into the funding of affirmative action, or is he conducting a witchhunt? One would think the latter from the tone that the hearing has taken thus far.

Richter's hearing is not in the best interest of his constituents in Chico or the rest of the state. Most, if not all, of the programs that he is questioning are reviewed by departments and agencies within and outside the CSU system. All are currently legal within the confines of existing anti-discrimination laws. Richter is poking his nose where it doesn't belong.

Assemblyman Richter is using his chairmanship of a small subcommittee to campaign against affirmative action, and to position himself better for his re-election bid in the Third Assembly District. In short, he is playing election-year politics and grandstanding on behalf of Proposition 209. To use one's elected position in such a reckless and self-promoting manner is inexcusable.

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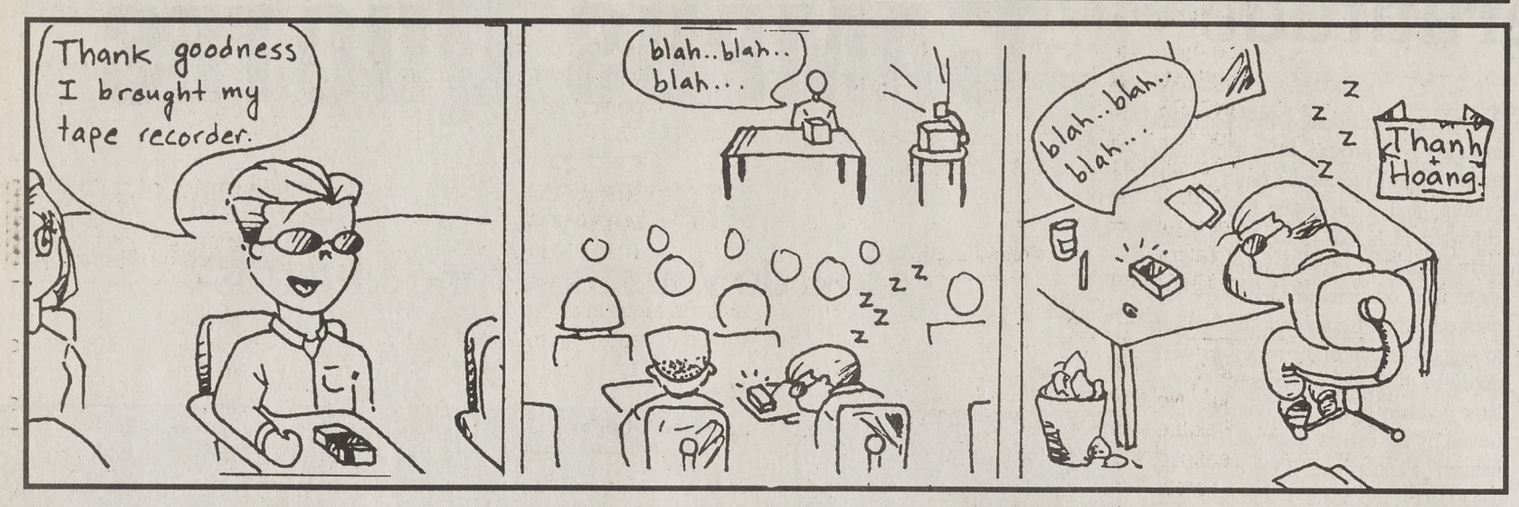
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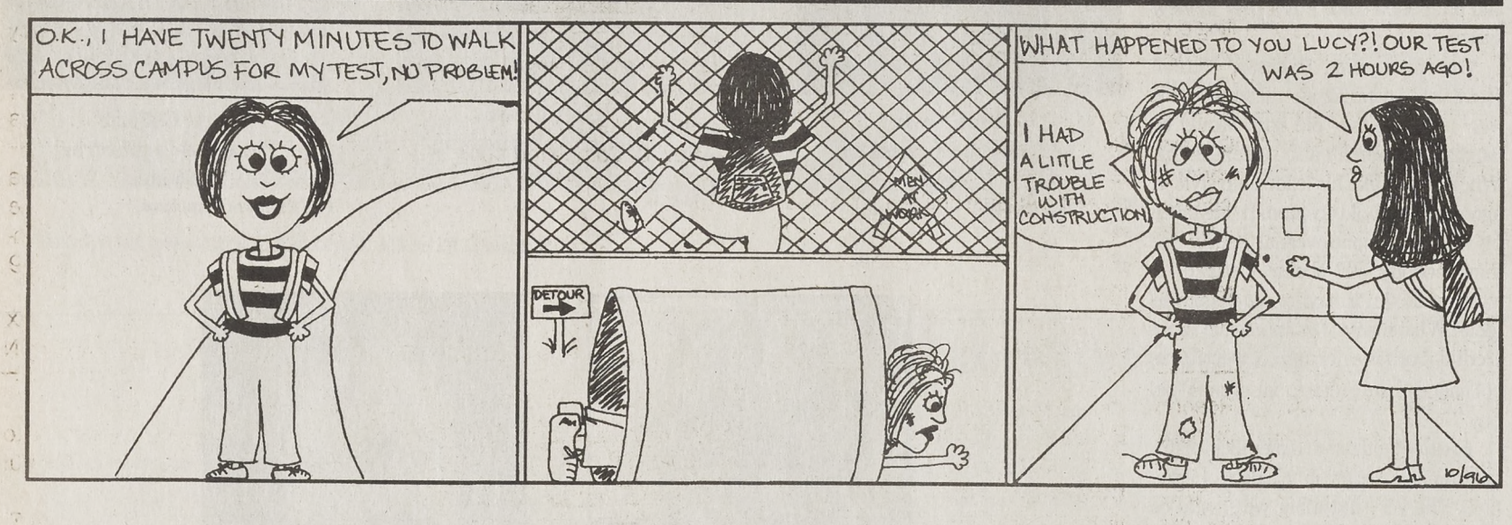
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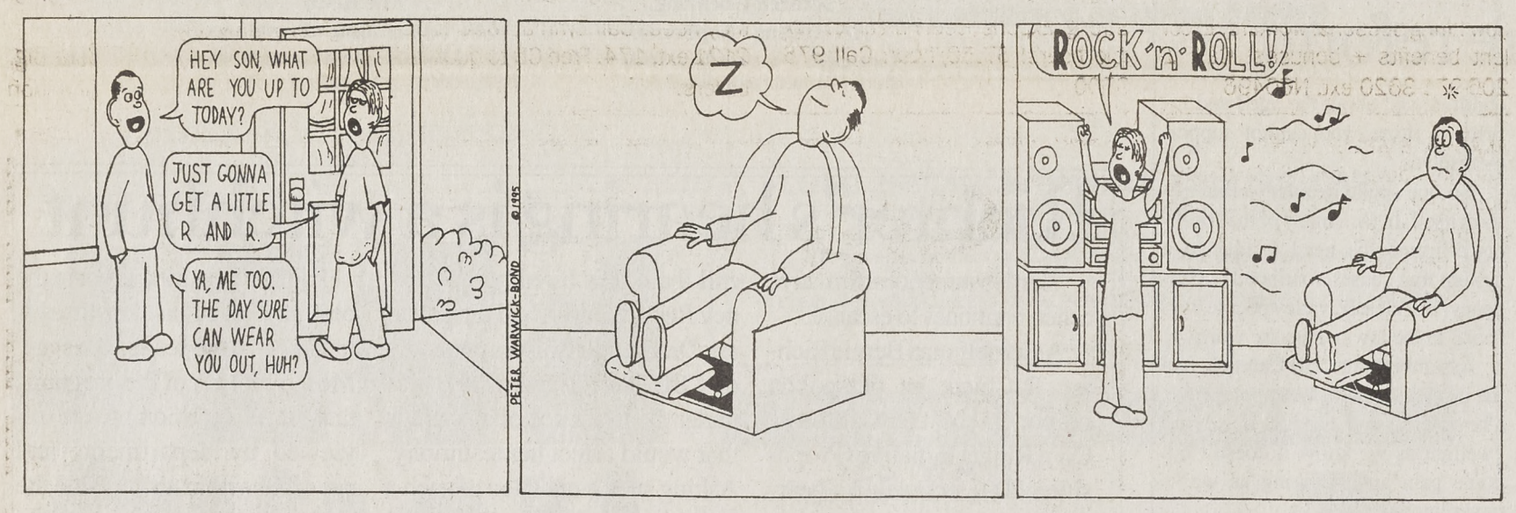
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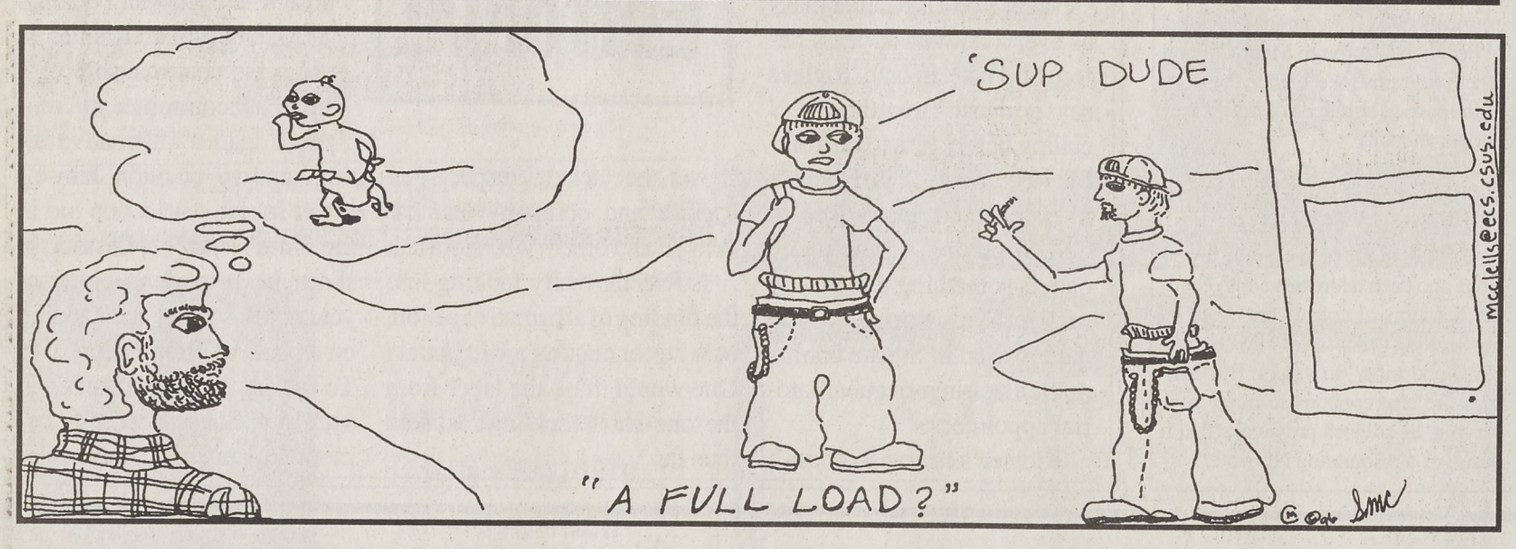
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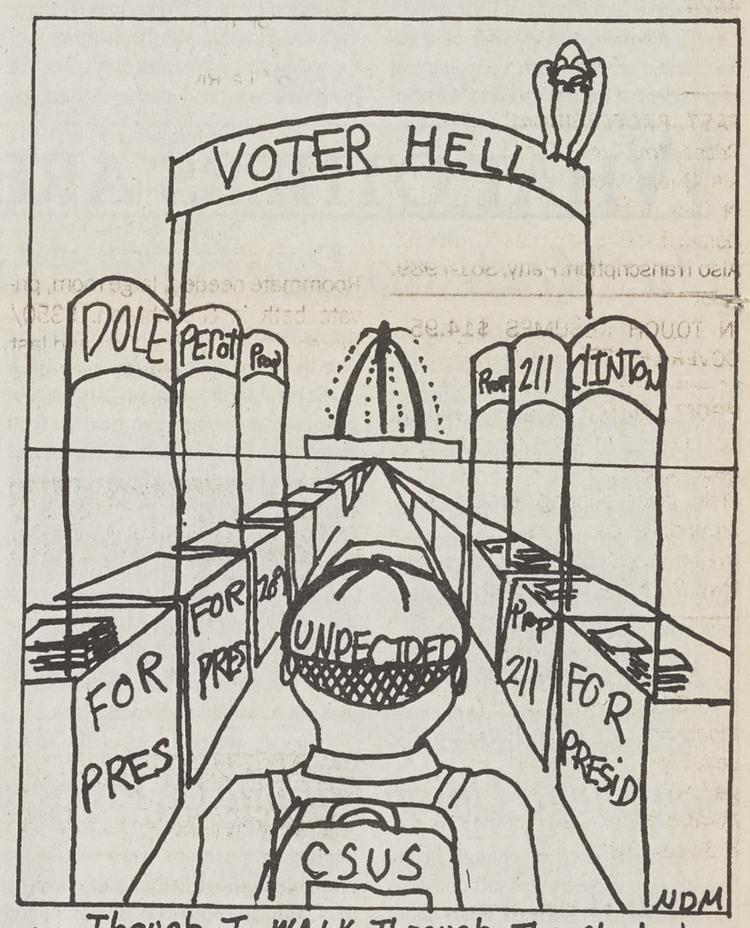
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In ΠΚΕ,
Your ΓΦΒ Sisters

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You're all wonderful additions to ΣΚ. May you create many wonderful memories.
In Σ,
Your Sisters!

Bri,
Welcome to the Bunnies! I'm so glad you're my little. Thanks for brightening my day.
Your Big,
Shannon

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Opinion

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

College Republicans misinforming the student body, again

All hail the College Republican misinformation team! Lend them your ears; they come to spout untruth, not to repudiate it!

It's so reassuring to know that Messrs. Chow and Rankin went about counting the blades of grass on the lawn near the library to make sure we all know what really went on during Political Awareness Week. With that kind of research, they might even run a winning campaign one of these days. Then again, maybe they won't if they're spending so much time on trivia.

We laud the CR's for the innumerable millions they drew to their speakers event a couple of weeks ago. We also stand in awe of the countless newly-registered Republicans they have registered in the past few weeks, amounting to well over one-sixth of the total number of Democrats signed on by their counterparts (Thanks Mr. Chow for helpfully informing us of this little tidbit).

And we would be glad to corroborate the "unsubstantiated lies" we are accused of spreading against Chow, Rankin and their compatriots. When you're ready to listen to the 10 people who saw the CR shocktroops imitating junior high students in their conservative zeal, we can provide names.

Senator Bob Dole would undoubtedly be proud to know that his disciples are registering "quite a bit more people" to the GOP. He might even be happier if they were bringing aboard "quite a few more people"; then they'd at least be speaking proper English. But let us not pick nits.

We all honor Mr. Dole's service in World War II and appreciate his sacrifice for the U.S. However, just as Dole followed his conscience in going to Europe, our president deserves to be honored for following his conscience in opposing the war in Vietnam, although Mr. Clinton did indeed register for the draft, as was his duty. We would also like to point out that none of the candidates for the Republican nomination in 1996 participated in Vietnam — in fact, most of them avoided service through "medical waivers." So before the College Republicans charge that the Democrats boast a "draft dodger," they ought to take a look at those in their own party.

I think we're going to stay on the tracks after all — we're the ones on the train for the 21st century. The train carrying Steve, Shu and the rest of CR's got derailed long ago.

Eric Koszyk
Don Stone
Mike Messner
CSUS Young Democrats

Meditation is synonmous to brainwashing

My response to Dennis K. Albrecht and Professor B.P. Lathi, who are against my criticism of meditation cults here is love, not hatred as their responses to me have been. You two seem to want to crucify me or make me drink hemlock poison for daring pointing out that Western culture, not Eastern, created the university and the ethics toward the need for educating individuals. I did not even mention Christianity. But yes, Christians contributed the most to education, ethics and democracy than anybody else in the world: Galileo, Issac Newton, George Washington Carver...Tell me, Mr. Lathi, how many yogis contributed to your field of electrical engineering or science (come on give me names here!)? If the physical world is an illusion as Eastern philosophy says, science and math are not worth pursuing. In the same vein, the Dalai Lama and Gandhi have nothing to do with why you and I are here today (they hated Christians!). If you were in India right now you'd probably be starving to death, not teaching here today. Don't take the freedom America gives you for granted.

I will not get into my personal spiritual faith since it is irrelevant to the argument I make. A good Christian can pray as little as once a day or as much as several times a day since it depends on the person's individual relationship with God. The Christian groups on campus can only offer fellowship; they do not make unfounded claims that prayer or meditation will "improve grades" or "reduce stress" as the cults do. Anybody who makes such claims without recommending study or tutoring ought to be seriously scrutinized.

To answer Albrecht, Christian "meditation" involves serious reflection and contemplation on the word of God. It is not emptying your mind of thought as in Eastern meditation, which is no more than brainwashing. There is little difference between Eastern meditation techniques and brainwashing used in Communist "re-education" camps. Also Christian meditation and prayer is a two-way communication process. It is asking God to grant you something that is within His will. But prayer and meditation do not make up for studying and schoolwork. That is up to you!

Also, American individualism is about the freedom to act responsibly, not about division and intolerance as you claim. Crime in America is a result of individuals not making responsible decisions, and too much of it is going unpunished. The crime-ridden inner cities are the result of socialistic government programs that fail to teach individual responsibility. Many individuals, like Joe Marshall, have made a big difference in the life of poor children.

Finally, Mr. Lathi if you feel tired and stressed out: How about simply taking a nap? Rapid Eye Movement (REM) sleep refreshes the mind and lowers blood pressure much better than putting yourself in a trance. Getting at least four to eight hours of sleep every night ought to be a priority to any busy college student.

Michelle Kunert

Seeking the revitalization of the university

Pot shots at Donald Gerth? Nothing so modest. Like the coalition, I seek the retirement of Donald Gerth—and thereby the revitalization of the university.

The feeling of the university drift and malaise has long been wide-spread among the CSUS faculty. A striking indication of this situation occurred well over a year ago when William Dorman, Juanita Barrena and others organized a series of ad hoc meetings seeking to deal with what they described as deep-seated problems. The meetings were ad hoc because existing administrative and governance structures were perceived as palpably failing.

And indeed they are. Any serious reflection on the gross mismanagement of this university will immediately indicate the reasons why.

Arthur H. Williamson,
Professor of History

"Western Christian culture is the most decadent and disastrous philosophy in world history"

Once again, another letter to the editor has raised my ire; however, this one far exceeds all others in its atrocious ignorance.

The letter by Michelle Kunert, Oct. 4, is typical of the type of hypocrisy that has become a common place in our world. She criticized all eastern religions of devaluing "human rights" while claiming the supremacy of Western Christian culture, which is the most decadent and disastrous philosophy in world history.

"God-enlightened" Western Christians have unmercifully slaughtered each other in savage bloodshed ranging from the 16th century religious wars to the present day conflicts in Northern Ireland and the former Yugoslavia. They have also exterminated people holocaust-style on "moral" grounds during the Inquisition and witch trials as well as present day abortion clinic bombings. "Can you say thou shall not kill?" Ms. Kunert is showing an extreme form of mental psychosis in condemning the atrocities of one religion while adhering to the dictates of another.

While I am not an adherent of any Eastern religion I do find their moral philosophies far superior to Western Christianity. Personally, I would find the relaxation and mind expansion of meditation far superior in preparing for an exam than asking "God" or "Jesus" for an "A."

I for one am sick of the many evangelistic groups infesting this campus forcing their empty-headed "faiths" on myself and other intelligent students who choose fact over blind faith.

Robert C. Slusser
Senior, Strategic Management

Kunert, you failed to mention the most heinous cult of all

I was glad to see the concern paid to the proliferation of "cults" on our campus by Michelle Kunert in her letter to the editor on Oct. 4. However, she failed to mention perhaps the most heinous "cult" currently infecting our great university.

This "cult" believes the world to have been created in six days, while encouraging its adherents to converse with some strange all powerful entity in order to get guidance (Hey God, can I have an "A" on my next exam?). They claim their God created everything on earth, yet don't blame him for anything bad.

This "cult" is called Christianity, and its disciples can be seen in the quad forcing literature (divine ignorance) on people and harassing them into going to Bible study (and learn to hate). So the next time you see one of these "programmed people" approach you, tell them there is no room for their opinion on our campus, according to Ms. Kunert.

Steve Shriver
Graduate/History

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